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THE Ambaſſadour of the States generall of the vnited Netherland Prouinces, being ſent out of Holland vnto Conſtantinople, for his neareſt and readieſt way, determined to haue trauelled thither by land, through the Kingdome of Hungaria, but when he ſhould enter into it, the Pentioners of the Pope and the King of Spaine (who at Vienna in Auſtria are chiefeſt Commanders) were ſo hatefull and ſpitefull againſt him, that they would not ſuffer him to paſſe along that way, ſo that perforce hee was conſtrained to trauell through an vnaccuſtomed way, and therein fell into the hands of the Arch duke Ferdinandus of Gratz: by whom he was ſtrictly examined, and if it had beene poſſible, would haue ſtopped his paſſage. From thence hee paſſed along by water from one Iland to another, in great danger, and many perils (for that in thoſe parts it was then a very hard and an extraordinary winter)

winter) and hauing paſt them, at laſt after he had trauelled ſixe Moneths together, he arriued ſafely at Conſtantinople: where, vpon the firſt day of May, 1612 he had audience giuen him by the great Emperour of the Turkes, to the great honour and reputation of the Netherland Prouinces, and of the States generall of the ſame: The Solemnitie whereof was in this manner perfourmed.

The Ambaſſadour was conuayed vnto the great Turkes Court by Saphiler Aga, the chiefe Commander of all the Turkes Horſe-men: and Siaus Baſſa, principall of all the Gentlemen in the Turkes Court; accompanied with an hundred Siauſers all on Horſe backe, in ſuch and the ſame manner, as they vſe to fetch and conuay the Ambaſſadours of the greateſt Monarches and Kings that are, vnto his Court. The Ambaſſadour hauing encreaſed his Traine with ſome Netherlanders as then reſident in Conſtantinople, by reaſon that at the ſame time, there lay diuers Netherland-ſhips before the towne: and beſides them, with ſome that were his good friends, both inhabitants, and others of other Nations, whom he before had knowne: whereby the honour of the Netherlands was preſerued, to the great contentment not onely of the Turke himſelfe, but alſo of all the Baſſas of his Court.

The olde Captaine Baſſa, for a ſigne and token of great affection and honour, cauſed the Ambaſſadour to ride vpon his owne beſt Horſe, which was moſt ſumptuouſly ſadled & brideled: wherin the Turkes, aboue all other Nations, doe ſpecially ſhew their pride & power. And ſo in great ſolemnitie the aforeſaid Siauſers, or the great Turkes Gentlemen, richly

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clad and apparelled in Taffockes of cloath of Gold, Velvet, and Sattin, rode two and two before him; after them followed their Seruants, and some Ianiſſers afoote, with two Dragomans, or Interpreters, on horſe-backe: after them followed the Ambaſſadour, accompanied on each ſide, by the aforeſaid Saphiler Aga, and Siaus Baſſa, and his owne followers, who as Gentlemen, (after the manner there) doe alſo kiſſe the great Turkes hand, and in that manner rode with a great applauſe and concourſe of people to the Serralio, or Palace of the great Turke.

In this manner entering into the firſt gate of the Serralio, Siaus Baſſa left the Ambaſſadour, and rode forward before him to certifie the Baſſas of his comming. In this firſt Gate there ſtood about 60. Capiſſers, or great Turkes Porters, with their Captaine, for a watch. Then approching to the ſecond gate of the Serralio, the Ambaſſadour lighted from his horſe, and was led in thereat by the arme, by Peichijs Baſſa, principal of the Pages, apparelled all in gold, whoſe office is to conduct all Ambaſſadours vnto the preſence of the great Turke: before this Gate there ſtood about 100. Capiſſers, with 4. Captaines for a Guard: within the gate, were about 300 Soubaſſas, which are Captaines of the Ianiſſaries, each hauing a long white feather, like a Peacocks feather, on their heads. There all the Baſſas lighted off from their horſes, and went on foote to the Diuano (which is the Counſell-Chamber) wherein all the Baſſas, with the principall Viſier (repreſenting the great Turkes Perſon) foure dayes euery weeke giue open audience to all ſuitors, and determine all cauſes of the whole Empyre.

Hauing past through this Gate, on the one side of two long Galleries, supported with Marble Pillars, there stood Ianitsarie Aga, the chiefe Commander of all the Ianitsaries, and of all the foot-men of Turky, with 10000. Ianitsaries: and on the other side, Saphiler Agas, the chiefe Commander of the horse-men, with 2000. Saphers, or horsemen, who altogether bowing downe their heads after the Turkish manner, with great reuerence, saluted the Ambassadour, he doing the like vnto them. There met him the Kihaia, or Commander of all the Capitsers and Siaus Bassa, both of them being great Personages: they two led him into the Diuano, going before him with two long staues or wands of siluer and gilt ouer, richly apparelled in cloath of Gold, which is the greatest honour that can there be done to any man in the great Turkes Court.

In the Diuano sate the Cahimachan, with all the Vefier Bassas, who are chiefe and principall Counsellers to the great Turke. Opposite ouer against the Cahimachan, there was a stoole set for the Ambassadour. On his right side (which by the Turkes is held to be the vnworthiest, as being vnder the sword of another) sate Mahomet Bassa Admirall of Turky, betrothed to the great Turkes eldest Daughter, Dahut Bassa, married to the great Turkes Aunt, Ioseph Bassa, Chelil Bassa, and Nischanzi Bassa, married to the great Turkes Niece, whose office is to set the great Turkes name to all Letters Patents, and publike Instruments that are granted and sent out by him. On the other side of Cahimachan (a reasonable or indifferent space being left) sate the two Cadileschers, or chiefe Iudges of the whole Realme of Turky, and

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on a seate alone the great Treasorer, being a Vesier also. Over against him, in a chamber, apart, there sate about 300. Secretaries or Clarkes of the Treasory, each of them being Auditors of a seuerall Prouince, and vnder them their Clarkes.

The Ambassadour hauing for a while spoken and conferred with the Bassas, there was foure round siluer tables brought in whereof one was set between the Ambassadour and the Cahimachan the second before the other Bassas: the third before the Cadileschers and the Treasorer, and the fourth before the Nischanzi Bassa and his company: and there they were feasted in sumptuous manner, with many sorts of meate, serued in great porceline dishes, setting but one dish downe at once after the Dutch manner. The Ambassadour eating with the Cahimachan, Captaine Bassa, and Dahut Bassa. In the middle of dinner, each of the Bassas, and the Ambassadour dranke Sorbeta, in dishes of gold, which is a kinde of drinke made of water, Suger, and iuyce of Lemonds, mixed with Amber and Muske: whereof they dranke but once, & no more: for the Turkes are very sober drinkers, and the great Lords vse to drinke no wine. The Murpac Emini, or the great Turkes chiefe Cooke, hauing vnder him aboue 2000. Cookes and officers in the kitchin, stood to serue at the table, and below him stood about 100. Teschmegers, or waiters, all with Cassockes of cloath of golde, setting the meate vpon the tables, and seruing at them. Of them the Beies, that is, the Gouernors of townes, and Barons are made.

The Cahimachan gaue the Ambassadour the first cut of euery dish of meate, meane time the Gentlemen

men and their Seruants were entertained in a gallery apart, with about 300. sorts and dishes of meat, in like sort the Ianizaries and Saphers, and the rest that are in ordinary vnder the great Turke, were serued. This dinner cost about 6000. Gilderns, which is 600. pound sterling, as the Tresorer brought in his account.

Dinner (which lasted about an houre) being done, a little while after the Ambassadour rose vp, and after their manner hauing saluted the Bassas, he went out of the Diuano, to haue audience. which with this solemnitie was performed. When he was gone out of the Diuano, on the right hand there stood the afore-said Kihaia of the Capitlers, with Siaus Bassa, accompanied with 300. Capitlers, and 500. Siaulers, attending the Ambassadours comming. On the left hand sate the Chancellor of the Land, with about 100. Secretaries, who all rose vp on their feete, to salute the Ambassadour. And there the afore-said Peichijs Subbassa met him, and led him to a seate hanged with Tapistrie, where being set downe, with the Gentlemen that accompanied him, to kisse the great Turkes hand, Casnader Bassa great Treasorer of the common Treasorie, presented him with foureteene Cassockes of cloath of gold, but the Ambassadours Cassocke was brought out of the chiefe Treasory, as of speciall fauour: those Cassockes were put vpon the Ambassadour and the Gentlemen (which they wore vnder their cloakes,) by the chiefe officer of the Treasory, who by the Italians is called Capo della Guardarobba. Then the Cahimachan, and all the Visier Bassas one after another, went into the priuie Chamber, wherein the great Turke himselfe sate: the Ambas-

sadour

ſadour riſing vp to ſalute them, and hee by them being likewiſe ſaluted, hee followed preſently after them, led as afore ſaid to the gate thereof. Before the Chamber, in a Gallerie ſupported with pillars of Marble, and paued with the like, richly furniſhed, on the one ſide there ſtood 200. Teſchegers, with Teſchegers Baſha, (who are they that carry vp the meate to the great Turkes table) on the other ſide 100. Eunuches, or Gentlemen of the Chamber, who alwayes ſerue the great Turke, and are of great authoritie, all apparelled in cloath of ſiluer.

In a great Gallery on the right hand the Capiſcers held vp the Preſents openly for all men to ſee, euery one both great and little by a ſeuerall Capiſcer according to the manner of the Land, thereby to make the greater ſhow, and ſo it was held to be a greater honour for many Capiſcers to carry the Preſents: who in that ſort orderly one after another, paſt along before the great Turke. Before the preſence Chamber there ſtood 12. Capiſcers Baſſas, with ſiluer and gilt wands, whereof two of them by couples, firſt led the Ambaſſadour, then his Dragoman, or Interpreter, and then all the Gentlemen by the armes, before the great Turke, to kiſſe his hand: who at that time ſate vnder a moſt rich and ſumptuous cloath of eſtate, ſupported by ſeuen pillars of Marble, ſomewhat elevated from the ground in manner of a Bed, and ſerued for a ſeate, couered ouer with moſt rich and coſtly cloath of gold, which was ſet ſo full of Diamonds, Rubies, Pearles, and other precious Stones, that it ſhewed like the skie bedeckt with multitudes of Starres. Before him there ſtood a Standish of Iuorie, beautified with

many precious Stones, all the Chamber being hanged about with most costly Hangings, embrodered and imbossed with Gold, the ground being Crimsen Veluet: the top thereof framed like a round tabernacle, all couered ouer with Golde, with diuers kindes of workes therein: this Chamber (being not very great) (when it is decked and hanged richly for to giue audience to any Ambassadour) is esteemed and valued to be worth tenne hundred thousand Hungarian Duckets, in English money, at seauen shillings a Ducket, 350000 pounds.

When the Ambassadour came before the great Turke, one of the Capitaler Bassas tooke vp the skirt of the Turkes Gowne, which the Ambassadour stooping downe, kist: and when hauing done the accustomed reuerence vnto his Maiestie, two of the Capitaler Bassas led him backward to the side of the Chamber, where in the side of the wall there is a seate furnished with rich Hangings and Cushins, for it is not the manner that any Ambassadour doth sit downe in the Turkes presence. The two Capitaler Bassas stood still by the Ambassadour, then the Dragoman was led before the great Turke, and brought backeward againe by the Ambassadour, and after them the twelue Gentlemen orderly one after another: that done, the first Visier or Cahimachan, read a Petition before the great Turke, thereby briefly beseeching his Maiestie, graciously to vouchsafe audience vnto the Ambassadour.

After that, the Ambassadour made an Oration in Latine, which by the Dragoman was presently interpreted in English speech: and so when the Ambassadour had deliuered his Letters of credit,

together with the propositions afore-said in writing, in a Bag of cloath of gold, according to their accustomed manner, by his Interpreter, to the Cahimachan, he was led out of the Chamber againe, doing the accustomed honour and reuerence vnto the great Turke, going backewards as afore-said, without any answere from the Turke himselfe, or any of his Bassas, it being not their manner nor custome to doe it: and so went out with a great number of Courtiers and Officers, vntill he came out of the gate aforesaid, on both sides saluting Ianitsser Aga, and Saphiler Aga, being by them, and the Ianitsaries and Saphilers likewise saluted as before. It is to be wondered at, that in the Turkes Court, when they sit in Counsell, which is ordinarily foure dayes in a weeke, there assembleth at the least 30000. men, all in pay and wages vnder the great Turke, besides the Bassas, who stand there so quietly, and with so great silence, that in a manner they shew to be so many Images, without life or soule.

The Imbassadour with his traine, being on horse-backe againe, they were led a little aside (as the manner in that Country is) to see the Court and traine of the great Turke passe along before them, partly to honour the Imbassadours, and partly to shew the great Turkes Power. And first, all the Ianitsaries about 10000. in number, with a great noyse came out of the gate, and marcht before him, well apparelled, but without weapons. Then followed 500 Solachijs, or Bulucbassis, which are Corporals and other Officers of the Ianitsaries: then about 500 Soubassis, with long white feathers vpon their heads, which are Captaines among others.

Then on horse-backe followed Stampol Aga, being the chiefe of all the Samoglanes, which are certaine young men and Children, which are giuen to the great Turke tribute: then the Perchimalgis, Ianigseris, Iagiſchijs, the Clarke of the Ianiſaries: Solach Baſſas, Commander of the Solachijs: Tagerſchij Baſſa, chiefe Hunter to the great Turke: the Chahagraby, or Lieutenant to Ianiſer Aga, and his Subſtitute. Then on foote followed 200. Soubaſſis, and then Ianiſer Aga himſelfe, Commander ouer all the Ianiſaries: after him followed 100. Menegeſians, all with Girdles of Siluer about one of their hands, which alſo are Ianiſaries, and each of them carry a Torch before the Aga, when hee goeth the round by night through Conſtantinople, as all the great Viſiers and Baſſas night by night are bound in perſon to goe the round, to preuent all ſuch as ſeeke to doe any hurt or miſchiefe, each of them hauing an Executioner with them, to puniſh all thoſe that they finde doing any hurt or wickednesse, or that are in the ſtreetes, according to the deſert and merit of their offences, either by preſent death, or otherwiſe. All the great Turkes Court hauing in this manner paſſed along before the Ambaſſadour, hee was againe conducted vnto his Lodging as aforeſaid, and for a further honour there was by the Baſſas ſent into him, two Peichijs, or Pages, belonging to the great Turke, wearing ſiluer and gilt Hats, whereof there are alwayes a great many going about the great Turkes Horſe, who although they are not accuſtomed to waite vpon any other man, no not vpon the great Viſier Baſſa, yet they followed the Ambaſſadour, on either ſide of him as hee was on horſe-backe, till hee came to

his

his Lodging. For this Amitie and Friendship made betweene the great Turke and the United Netherlands, all the Turkes in generall much reioyced, so that as then it seemed to be a day of triumph, and from that time forward when the said League was first begunne to be made, they begunne to treate about the releasing of the Netherlands out of captivitie, as also touching Negotiation and Traffique; to the which end, now already Commandement is sent by the great Turke into Barbary, and other places, to declare the Peace made betweene the Netherlands and the said great Turke, and to commaund them, that from thence forth the Netherlands shall by them be holden and esteemed to be his Friends. This Treatie with the great Turke (for the which the Lord be praised) concluded and agreed vpon, with the greatest honour and reputation of the Netherlands that may be deuised, being made and signed with the great Turkes owne hand, and with his Oath thereunto annexed, was deliuered vnto the Ambassadour, vpon the sixteenth day of Iuly last past, being by him before for the space of sixe dayes perused, read, and in all defectiue places corrected and amended, in the presence of certaine men that vnderstood the Turkish Language, and were requested thereunto by the said Ambassadour.

By which meanes the Netherlanders haue obtained the best and surest Priuiledges in Turky, that euer heretofore haue to any Nation beene granted: for whatsoeuer the French-men, English-men, and Venitians in generall, or any of them in particular, by the Turkes speciall fauour and grace, haue obtayned of him, it is all specially set downe in their re-

capitulation, and withall many other Priuiledges more granted vnto them. Their Prisoners and Slaues are by the great Turke, both in the treatie, as also in his Letters sent vnto the States of the vnited Prouinces, declared to be free, and set at liberte, in such manner, that all those that haue by the Turkes beene bought as Slaues with money, may not aske a penny of any man for their ransome, but must get their money againe, if they ran of him of whom they bought them. Which the Ambassadour by speciall fauour hath procured to be granted, and so good order appointed and ordayned for the same, that by Gods grace in time, no Netherlander shall hereafter be made a Slaue among the Turkes.

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The Copie of the great Turkes Letters, sent to the generall States of the vnited Netherland Prouinces.

Sultan Achomat Cham, the Sonne of *Sultan Mahomet Cham*, alwayes happy.

The Svperscription.

To the honour and greatnesse of Christendome, chiefe of the excellencie and greatnesse of the Law of Christ, Commanders in the gouernment of the common people of Christendome, Protectors of Honour and Humanitie, Lords of Power and Honour, and Superiours of the Prouinces subiect vnto them in the Netherlands; that is, *of* Gelderland, Holland, Zealand, Vtrecht, Freesland, Oueriſſell, Groning, *and* Groningerland; *Lords ouer many places in the East and West* Indies; *and sole Commanders of all the places aboue-said: happy and prosperous succeesse.*

Here came vnto our Imperiall Court (which is the ground of all other Kingdomes in the ſight of all the world, and the defence and preſeruation of Lords and Princes) the worthy perſon (choſen by you the noble Lords of the Law of Chriſt) *Cornelius Haga* (to whom Wee wiſh increaſe of Honour) by whom your Letters of amitie

amitie and friendſhip, were preſented vnto Vs. The contents and ſubſtance whereof were, that vnderſtanding the Maieſticalneſſe of Our Royall and Princely State, you were moued and incited to ſeeke for Our intire Friendſhip and good will: and to ſhew your great deſires thereuntо, haue endeuoured your ſelues to the ſame end to write vnto Vs, and to make an Accord and Friendſhip with Vs, which might alwayes be holden and obſerued, declaring that your wils and deſires haue alwayes beene good and great in that reſpect, to ſeeke and craue Friendſhip at Our Imperiall hands; and to ſhew and declare your good affections vnto Vs in like ſort, and in the ſame manner as other Kings haue done, which with Vs haue entered into League and Friendſhip; deſiring to be holden and accounted among the number of thoſe Kings that are Our Friends; and that Wee would grant vnto you Our Letters of agreement and conſent therein; in ſuch manner as Wee haue giuen the ſame to other Kings of Chriſtendome. Which that it may be done with ſinceritie and truth, together with other things which you further deſire and requite at Our hands; (whereof the Contents being imparted vnto Our Royall Councill, and hauing fully and wholy vnderſtood your wils and meanings) We of our Imperiall Grace and Fauour haue abundantly granted and giuen vnto you by Our Letters Patents, not onely the ſame Priuiledges and Liberties which Wee haue in times paſt imparted to the Kings afore-ſaid, according to your owne deſires, but ouer and beſides the ſame, much more then you eyther haue ſought or deſired by your Letters of Vs, which with Our owne hands, Wee haue by Our Letters Patens confirmed, and giuen commandement from Our Maieſtie, that in all places and Countries of Our Empyre, wherein any of your Country-men and

Subiects

Subiects shall be knowne and found to be Slaues they shall be freely set at libertie, according to the Contents of Our said Letters Patents of Amitie, Peace, and Friendship. Further Wee giue you to vnderstand, that your aforesaid Ambassidour hath with great honour and modestie, as also with great care and diligence, performed and done his dutie and seruice in his said Ambassage whereof hee was sent by you, in all things hauing obtained the benefit of Our Friendship; and in good manner and fashion hath performed the same: and when he came before Vs, was permitted by word of mouth to speake and pronounce the Message and Commission by you giuen vnto him, to be deliuered vnto Vs, which Wee hauing vnderstood, as also well liked, allowed, and accepted of, together with the Presents by you sent, and deliuered by him vnto Vs, (and which We will keepe in Our owne presence and continuall sight) hauing receiued the same, as also the said Ambassadour, with great Loue and Friendship. The auncient custome of Our Maiestie is, that all Our gates of grace, fauour, and good will, shall stand continually open for all, and vnto all men, and at all times; but especially to those that come vnto Vs with so great a desire of faithfull Friendship, to whom it is requisite to shew and impart all honour and good will that possible may be. Therefore Wee say, that you hauing receiued these Our Letters, from thence-forth (as it is requisite) Wee looke and desire that you shall hold and obserue the Treatie and Friendship made by you with Vs, perpetually; according to your owne Letters and Offers sent vnto Vs, and in the like manner and forme, as the Kings of *England* and *France* Our Friends, long time vnto this day haue held and maintained the like Friendship and Amitie. Which Wee hope you will doe in all points according to your Promises,

and that our Friendſhip may continue and hold firme and ſtable, Our deſire is that you ſhould from time to time certifie vs, by Letters, of your eſtates and healths, and Wee for Our part, will not faile to fulfill and accompliſh all whatſoeuer ſhall tend vnto your good and welfare, with all fauour and grace, as neare as Wee can: and promiſe you further, that our good will and friendſhip ſhall not ceaſe continually to encreaſe towards you, for your good, and from good to better; whereof Wee would not haue you to doubt.

Written in the middle of the Moneth of Gematil Elebla, *in the Yeare* 1021. *in the Imperiall Citie of* Conſtantinople; *which* GOD *preſerue from all hart and misfortune.*

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The Copie of a Letter, sent by the Noble Lord *Cahimachan*, called *Mahomet Bassa*, Commissarie generall of Turkie, dated (according to the Calculation of Christendome) in the beginning of the Month of *July*, 1612.

THE SVPERSCRIPTION.

To the Honour and greatnesse of Christendome, Princes of the great Gouernment of the Law of the Messias, Gouernors of the state of the people of Christendome, Patrons of curtesie, and of the Honour and Power of Princes: The Lords and States generall of the united Provinces of the Netherlands, and of all other places subiect vnto them: to good end, and the Grace and Fauour of GOD.

ACcording to the Friendship which is conuenient to be shewed vnto Lords of your degree, and the accustomed fauour and amitie, of the great and mightie Emperour of Turkie, which at this time is giuen and granted vnto your Honours; In signe of loue, and assurance of Friendship, I giue you to vnderstand by the grace and helpe of God almightie (whom I beseech to preserue and defend the King, and by the fauour and power of our holy Prophet, who is in glory, and resteth in peace with God, protect and saue the King of all

Lands and Seas; Dominator from the East vnto the West; Commander ouer *Mecha* and *Ierusalem*; the most Noble Prince of the whole Common-wealth of the Inhabiter of the World with grace and fauour; the most righteous King, whom GOD long prosper and preserue vpon earth, his Kingdome and Greatnesse with Honour, who therein is an vpholder in pouertie and miserie of all creatures, the refuge of all poore oppressed people, an aduancer of the Banner of the holy Law; King of *Arabia* and *Asia*; Dominator ouer the most mightiest Monarchie in the World; Vpholder by the power of God, wherein he is King, of all Kings; and who hath his trust and confidence in the fauour and promise of the true and onely GOD; the great and most puissant Emperour, our gratious and mightie King, *Sultam Achmat Cham*, Protecter of the *Alcoran*, whom GOD Almightie preserue and maintaine in all power and Imperiall Maiestie, and suffer him to command ouer the whole world for his welfare and good, &c.) that there was brought vnto his Imperiall Palace, (which is the vpholding and preseruation of Honour, and the light of the world, shining aboue all the Powers and Maiesties of Kings) a Letter, signifying your great and kinde Friendship and good wils, by your Ambassadour, CORNELIVS HAGA, one of the chiefe Commanders amongst you, in the Law of Christendome, and of Noble bloud (whose Honour God long preserue) who being arriued in this Imperiall Palace, hath declared and fully signified your Honours great good wils and meanings, as also the entire affections, which your said Honours beare vnto his Maiestie. Which done, your said Ambassadour tooke his rest for certaine dayes, after his long, weary, and troublesome iourney, as being not well at ease, and after certaine daies of rest, communicated his intent vnto mee, thereby to

giue mee to vnderstand the effect and meaning of your affaires, according to your Commission: to whom, in the behalfe of our great Emperour, wee shewed that fauour, respect and honour which hee well merited and deserued; and therewithall tooke a true Copie of your Honors Letters, and hauing imparted the same vnto the Lords *Visiers* of this Councill, such as deale in matters of State, as also vnto those that are wise and learned in the holy Law; and hauing conferred, and considered about the Contents, and of the heartie and good affection by you therein shewed vnto his Imperiall Maiestie, being the mirrour and cleare light of the world (whose Noble Person, and puisant Dominions God preserue and keepe from all troubles and aduersities which daily happen throughout the world.) And finding your request to be good and very reasonable, as soone as wee were enformed of your meanings and desires, wee delayed no time to impart the same vnto his Imperiall Maiestie, who liking well, and allowing thereof, gaue commandement that all due and respectiue order should speedily be taken about the same, and that it should be brought to good effect, with all diligence and care; and therewithall order was presently taken *ex motu proprio* from the Emperour mouth, and by his owne consent, that your Ambassadour should come vnto his Princely Palace and Presence, to salute his Maiestie, and thereupon your Honours said Ambassadour, accompanied and attended vpon in such order as was fitting and conuenient for his Honour, hauing humbly saluted his Maiestie, and being apparelled, both himselfe and his Traine, with honourable Sutes, according to the manner and custome of this Country; and that Honour and due respect shewed vnto him, which to his place and person was requisite to be done: his Imperiall Maiestie gaue

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licenſe and free perhiſſion vnto him, to haue acceſſe vnto his Court, for the execution of his Ambaſſage, as other Ambaſſadours and Gouernours of the Empyre vſe to doe, as alſo to conſult with the Lords *Viſiers*, the Protectors of the Law, and ſpecially the chiefe Iudge of Turkie, which is a Lord of the holy *Mufti Effendi*, together with the Lords *Cadi Eſquiers* (ſo the great men of the Land are named) and withall other his Gouernours about the ſame, and with his Maieſties aduice and conſent, your motion of Amitie and Friendſhip ſought and propounded vnto him, being well conſidered and aduiſed of by them, and they hauing fully and wholy declared the ſame vnto the great Monarch of the World, and the moſt mighty and vprighteſt King thereof (whom God preſerue) by the helpe and aſſiſtance of God: his Maieſtie freely and thankefully accepted of your good wils and Friendſhips, and hath placed the ſame among the number of thoſe that are vnited vnto him in perfect Amitie and Friendſhip: and hath determined and ordained that the ſame ſhall for euer be reſpected and maintained by him. And therewithall his Imperiall Maieſtie hath commanded that wee ſhould ſet downe and record the Articles of agreement and vnitie on both parts, according to your deſires, and alſo to make and ſend you a Letter in his owne Name.

And I alſo for my part, as your good friend, haue written this Letter; which, with his Maieſties, wee ſend vnto your Honours, wiſhing that by Gods grace, and in an happy and proſperous houre, the perfect Amitie and Friendſhip knit betweene vs, may in like ſort long continue, which with all my heart I deſire: for it is moſt ſure and certaine that the ſupreame Lord of the noble houſe of *Ottomans*, and the Imperator of all other Rulers and

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Lords in the World, our moſt Puiſant Lord and King, is ſo truely vnited in faſt and firme Friendſhip with your Honours, that from henceforth all the Fauours and Honours that may proceede and be imparted from his Imperiall hands, vnto his Friends and Well-willers, ſhall be giuen and ſhewed vnto you, as by the Capitulation and agreement ſet downe and recorded he hath fully manifeſted and recorded, in ſuch manner that all promiſes, and conditions, madd and ſpecified to be graunted vnto on his behalfe, within his Kingdomes and Dominions, ſhall be truely and faithfully obſerued, fulfilled and kept. And my ſelfe your good friend, in like manner, will not faile to ſhew you all the honour and reſpect that may be, and will by no meanes endure that the leaſt hurt or wrong whatſoeuer, ſhall be done vnto your Honours, (in your Subiects or Vaſſals) within theſe our Countries, for that the Word and Promiſe of our moſt righteous and honourable King, (whom God preſerue) is for euer firme and ſtable, and moſt powerfull, in regard that his Maieſties minde hath beene, and is alwayes addicted vnto peace and quietneſſe, and ſpecially deſireth that his people ſhould liue in vnitie and peace, that vnder the ſhadow of his Imperiall Maieſtie, they may ſo liue happily and at hearts eaſe. And ſeeing that the Lord of all the world hath granted you ſo great fauour and happy fortune to be vnited and ioyned in friendſhip, loue, and amitie with ſo puiſant great and magnanimious a King, repleniſhed with benignitie, grace, mercy, and compaſſion, as our Emperour is: It is moſt certaine, and you may aſſure your ſelues thereof, that his Commandements and promiſes are firme and moſt ſure, and that there ſhall be no contrarietie found therein, and aſſure your ſelues for certaine, that it ſhall not faile in any manner in regard that his

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Maiesties word and promises are grounded vpon truth, without any pretence of contrarietie: for his Iudgements are giuen with vprightnesse and sincerities: and by the help of God, as long as your Friendship and Promises made, shall be truely obserued and kept, this inward and intire Friendship, on his part and behalfe, shall for euer be firme and stable, which is ordained and appointed to be obserued among the Nations that are in these parts of the World, and throughout all the Dominions and States of Princes and Kings subiect to his Imperiall Maiestie; you Honour shall by his Maiestie be aduanced, notwithstanding all their malices: and also among all other crowned Kings, and mightie Princes of the World shall be esteemed with great affection. And be assured hereof, that I my selfe in all your needfull and necessarie businesses and serious affayres, will be and remaine your secret Friend and furtherer, and in all other your important sutes, will not faile, in any point, to doe that for you therein, which I may or can doe, as in a case of great equitie, that the Friendship begun (which by my meanes hath to my power beene hitherto effected, in as much as by my Office, it hath past through my hands, and by my furtherance and aduise might be brought to passe) may continue firme and stable for euer: and by the aide and grace of GOD, together with the fauour of our great Prophet now remaining in the Kingdome and grace of GOD, (as it hath fortunately fallen out, and as wee haue had the good hap to bring the same vnto an end) so wee shall from henceforth, with all our power and will procure, further, and be a meanes, that the Articles of Amitie and Friendship already made betweene vs, may alwayes be obserued kept, and hereof be well assured, that as long as there is no default on your behalfes found,

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concerning the breach of this Peace and Amitie I will be and remaine your friend: and also all the rest of the Lords *Visiers*, together with the Iudges of the Law, and the Vassals or Slaues belonging to his Imperiall Chamber of *Diuano*, and also those that are in pay within the great Empyre of our most Puissant Lord and Prince the King (whom God preserue) by the helpe of God, doe together faithfully promise, and take vpon vs (both great and meane of degree as wee are) that on our side no one point of the Princely Treaue made by our Kings Maiestie, shall in any wise be broken or infringed, nor any thing done to the contrary thereof.

It is also necessary, conuenient, right, and great reason, that on your side, strict commandement be giuen vnto all Captaines, Sailers, and Merchants, as also to your Admirals, that no hurt nor hinderance be done in any wise to our Nation and People vpon the Seas, in their Ships, neyther to their men and Sailers, throughout our Dominions, neyther to any the Castles or Villages which are vnder the command of his Imperiall Maiestie, nor vnto any one of his Subiects in any wise whatsoeuer. And to that end, the Friendship, Peace, and great Honour, which by you is shewed vnto the Maiesty of Kings, and to the Crowne of the Prince and great Dominator, and Dispensator of all good and fauour, the great and mighty Emperour, our Soueraigne Lord, is most acceptable vnto him, in such manner that your Honour shall by his Imperiall Maiestie be furthered and aduanced, before all other things which concerne your affayres, and shall still be specially recommended vnto his said Maiestie. And for as much as his said Maiesties pleasure is, to haue his Subiects and Friends maintained and gouerned in peace and quietnesse, and that whatsoeuer may further the same, and

be a meanes to procure the welfare of all Gods creatures, to their everlasting benefit and good. Were for a conclusion say, that if on our side, all the Articles of agreement and Amitie, set downe and specified in the Treatie concerning vs, and also all that which on your sides is promised, concerning the peace, in your Letters, be well performed, maintained, and kept, according to the inward and affectionate friendship shewed and proffered by you with heart and good will, that so in time to come, all our affaires may the longer and the better have good and happy successe, wee hope and trust in GOD that in all the parts of the World, where Kings and Princes raigne, and shall heare and vnderstand of the Friendship and Peace made betweene vs, those that are our Friends will reioyce thereat, and such as with-stand the same shall feele the smart thereof. God bring this our proceeding to good end, and for your good and prosperitie.

Concerning your Ambassadour afore-said, whom wee must commend, we say, that not onely touching his Ambassage, but also in all the rest of the things belonging to matter of Estate, both in generall and perticular, hee hath done and performed the same with as much care and diligence as in him possible was, sparing no labour, trauaile, nor care, neyther in place nor matter, nor in any of his proceedings omitted any thing whatsoeuer, which he knew, or by any meanes perceiued, to be needfull or necessarie to be propounded or moued, to bring these affaires to a good end. And specially comming into the presence of our most Puisant Emperour, (whom God preserue) hee appeared there before him, with such honourable behauiour, grace, and curtesie, that it pleased his Maiestie exceeding well, and moued him thereby to take great pleasure and contentment in him: and in all his

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actions hath ſo behaued himſelfe, that more could not haue beene done, nor required at his hands concerning his charge. And to conclude, ſuch a perſonage as hee (in the Superlatiue degree,) is fit to be an Ambaſſadour: in ſuch ſort, that all the Lord *Viſiers*, my fellowes, and the reſt of the Lords of the Emperours Court wondred thereat, and ſaid that ſuch a man that ſhould deale in publike affaires, ought to be ſuch a one, as he ſhewed himſelfe vnto vs to be: being altogether in great admiration to ſee his manner of proceedings in all his affaires, and for that cauſe, being ſo well pleaſed and contented with his behauiour, were well content that hee ſhould haue daily acceſſe vnto his Maieſties Court. Your Honours ſhall doe well to eſteeme much of him, for that a man of his deſerts and qualities meriteth to be preferred.

Thus hauing at this time, no more to ſay (hauing made a true relation of all that hath here beene done and paſt) but onely to wiſh health and long proſperitie vnto your Honours: wee leaue to trouble you.

Written in the beginning of the Moneth Giamari Elebla, *in the yeare* 1021. *in the Citie of* Conſtantinople; *which* GOD *preſerue.*

The Copie of a Letter, written by the Lord *Mufti Effendi*, chiefe Iudge of the Turkish Empire: vnto the generall States *of the vnited Prouinces of the* NETHERLANDS.

PRVisant Lords of the Christian Law, and the honour of the Nations vnder the MESSIAS; my Lords, the generall states of the vnited *Netherland*-Prouinces, and most Noble Lord Prince MAVRICE: May it please you to vnderstand, that this yeere was sent vnto the Imperiall Palace of the most Puisant King, highly magnified and exalted; the Executioner of the Commandements giuen to the World in the Temples; the furtherer of Iustice, and the Vpholder or Restorer of Townes and Cities, the greatest and mightiest King and Monarch of the World (whose honour I beseech God alwayes to continue, and that his Kingdome may flowrish vntill the day of doome) your Honours Letters and Ambassadour, to treate of Amitie and Peace, with great reuerence and respect vnto the high Court of his Maiesties Dominions; wherein your Honours haue done a thing worthy commendations, and exceeding well accepted of, for that all those that desire to make Friendship, and to haue Peace with the King of the Noble House of OTTOMAN (whom God encrease in Honour, Power, and Maiestie vnto the

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Worlds end) vntill this day, haue not by any meanes endured any losse or hinderance whatsoeuer, but haue thereby attained to great profit and aduantage, which is manifestly knowne vnto all the World, and among all Nations, and all those vnto whom, or with whom the most Puisant King (whom God preserue) doth make peace and contracteth Amitie, or that for their parts doe endeuour themselues to obserue and hold peace and Friendship with him, haue well experienced and tryed his great Fauours, to whom his Maiestie hath continually doubled, and shewed his speciall grace and benignitie, which is a certaine signe and token, that in time to come, your Friendship proffered and obtained, shall more and more increase, and be so well ratified and established, that nothing whatsoeuer shall be cause to breake or infringe the same. For that the great Turke will shew your Honours such friendship, that in his Empire of Turky neyther you, nor any of your Ships, shall neede to feare any hurt or harme to be done vnto you in any thing whatsoeuer. To conclude, wee all together will continue your perfect friends, and be friends to your friends, and foes to your foes: and the further that you proceede therein, so much the more shall the benefit of his Maiesties fauours be seene, and your aduantage procured thereby, and in this matter which by you hath beene sought, all fauour and Friendship afford vnto you, although that in this point it is not vnknowne vnto you, how many aduersaries you haue had, who by all meanes and wayes possible, haue sought to hinder your proceedings herein, and to diuert it, that it might take no effect.

Therefore as I haue said, seeing that your enemies haue wrought thus secretly against you, it is great reason, that this League and Contract should be surely made, and ac-

cording to your Letters, the Articles haue beene set downe, certifying you, that all shall be done as you desire: and with all wee thinke that it was great reason that this peace should be established, and therefore our most puissant Emperour hath beene content gratiously to accept of your Friendship, and according to your Letters, the afore-said Priuiledges haue beene granted vnto vs: and that in all things whatsoeuer past concerning them, there hath nothing beene omitted that was requisite to be put in according to your desires. And for your Ambassadour *Cornelius Haga*, whom your Honours sent hither, hee hath performed his charge in that respect (in the Superlatiue degree:) and with great grace and honour gone through therewith, and hath executed the same with as much diligence as possible he might. Wherefore I must needes say, that such a man as he is, deserueth as well to be made an Ambassadour, as any one whatsoeuer of his degree, being of that Iudgement that hee is: the reason is, for that whatsoeuer hee hath done concerning this businesse of yours, hee hath done it effectually, and therefore it is requisite, that you take care, that no scandall may hereafter be procured thereby vnto you, and before all things to doe your endeuours that this Peace may continue firme and stable, for that it is euery way profitable and good for your Honours, and your townes. And vpon condition that your Honors shall keepe and firmely hold this Treatie, wee also will endeuour our selues to maintaine and vphold the same for euer: for our great and most Puisant Emperour (whom God preserue) is a courteous Prince, and exceeding gratious, and sheweth all the grace and fauour that he can vnto his friends, being an Emperour of great Honour and Maiestie, whose custome is alwayes to doe well.

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The Conclusion therefore of our Letter is, that whatsoeuer hath beene concluded touching this peace, you will take care to performe it to your powers. *Moses Ierusalmi* a Iew, hath beene a great furtherer of your affaires, as much as in him lay, and hath made mee acquainted with all your proceedings.

Peace be with you all.

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By him that executeth the Commandements that are sent forth to be done for the honor and authoritie of the Puisant and most Princely house of Ottomans, Mehemet *the Sonne of* G. Saalteldin.

God haue mercy vpon vs all.

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